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PLANS EXTENSIVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROGRAM

SPECIAL DEPARTMENTS TO PREPARE PLANS -- Slove Polskie, No 43, 27 Nov 49

To provide a fuller picture of Poland's remote past, in connection with the celebration of its 1,000th anniversary, the Ministry of Culture and Arts has created special departments to prepare plans and conduct archaeological research. The work is under the direction of Professor Gieysztor of Warsaw, Professor Majewski of Wroclaw, and Doctor Rajewski, the organizer of the Biskupino excavations. The group will follow recommendations made at a conference of scholars and specialists, now conducting research work at archaeological sites. Research was started a year ago in Gdansk, Szczecin, Wrocław, Opole, Sobotka, Poznan, Gniezno, Lednica, Kruszwica, Giecz, Leczyca, Wielica, and at the Wavel in Krakow.

NEW BUILDING FOR THE GEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE -- Gazeta Ludowa, No 273, 16 Nov 49

Geological work is constantly being carried on in Poland. Soil testing in Warsaw is being conducted on a large scale. The results of these tests are to serve as guides in building municipal express railroads and other special construction where the type of soil plays an important part.

By spring 1951, the Geological Institute will be located in its new building in the Mokotow suburb of Warsaw where Wisniowa and Rakowiecka streets converge. The five-story reinforced-concrete structure, one of the largest to be erected by SPB (Cooperative Building Enterprises), will have a total cubic content of approximately 45,000 cubic meters.

The new building is closely adapted to the needs of the institute, with laboratories, experimental workshops, a museum, display rooms, and warehouses. The building will have all the installations and technical equipment needed for research. Vehicles will have a direct approach to stores and warehouses thereby avoiding unnecessary loading and reloading. Warehouses will be located in two basement floors.

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The building will have excellent fenestration, with 350 windows in the front wall alone. In all, 4,000 square meters of glass will be used. At present, only 120 workers are employed on construction of the building; however, 300 will be employed during peak construction activity.

ARC LOLOGISTS EXPLORE WISLICA -- Slowo Polskie, No 42, 20 Nov 49

Since June 1949, archaeological excavations have been under way in Wislica, a small town of Pinczow Powiat. A group of archaeologists from Warsaw, under the direction of Professor Antoniewicz, has been conducting exploratory studies on the remains of an old castle near the Nida River.

The first stage of exploratory excavations ended in September 1949. Further excavations will begin in the spring of 1950. The entire excavation program is expected to last 8-10 years. A Polish Archaeological Society was been formed in Wislica.

EXCAVATIONS IN PYSKOWICE -- Slowo Katolickie, No 48, 26 Nov 49

During excavations in the sandy areas around Pyskovice, extraordinary black oak trunks were discovered. These trunks are said to belong to the Diluvial period and have been excellently preserved about 9,000 years.

FORTIFICATIONS UNEARTHED IN TORUN -- Slovo Katolickie, No 48, 26 Nov 49

Fragments of rare 13th Century Flemish-style fortifications were unearthed in Torum when the rubble was being removed from the old gasworks.

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